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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to firm in the major terminal markets. However, demand was usually reported as only moderate for mid-week business. Supplies were not all that available, but reported as well cleared to sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were back to normal schedules. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to fairly good with supplies of tenders, wings and breast items in good balance to short. Although, b/s breast were slightly more available in spot locations. Thigh meat was irregular, other items were usually clearing and in a fairly good workable position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 69.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.75 cents last year on July 6, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	153.00
BREASTS - B/S	146.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.00
LEG QUARTERS	36.00
WINGS	78.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mostly steady in shipping channels and steady to full steady on local markets. Demand was fair to moderate for mid-week business. Supplies were in close balance to sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. B/S breast were reported as balance to slightly more available. Wings and tenders were adequate to instances barely adequate with improved movement, and the remaining items were generally sufficient to closely cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly moderate following the July 4th holiday. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to well cleared for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate. The market tone ranged steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breast, wings and thighs were well cleared. Other items were generally in good balance and clearing satisfactorily.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to fully steady. Offerings were limited. Movement for holiday and first of month business was mixed, light to good, best into fast food and resort areas. Floor stocks were mostly in balance with mixed weights. Parts offerings were limited. Parts inquiry was light as buyers access current needs and market conditions. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat cuts and wings; steady on all other parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were at least adequate to cover needs. Retailer demand was fairly good overall with best interest where promoted. Floor stocks mainly adequate.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 1, 2006. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 1, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through July 1, 2006 were 4.54 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	WEEK ENDING 07/01/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	208,534	209,473	0	
CHICKS PLACED	175,464	178,732	-02	

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 13-Aug-06 is estimated at 160.9 million head. This compares to 160.8 million head the previous week and to 167.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 170.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.72 cents per pound.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	730	128.00-178.00	-	136.51
TENDERLOINS	218	110.00-168.00	-	115.16
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	48	36.00-56.00	38-39	39.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	585	29.00-36.00	32-33	32.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,011	30.00-38.00	34-36	34.74
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	63.00-79.00	65-68	68.26
WINGS (CUT)	300	80.00-96.00	88-90	89.15
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JULY 5, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.50 - 53.00	50.36	50.05

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying activity was at least moderate as dealers assess market conditions following the July 4th holiday. Offerings of breast items were adequate to well cleared. Drumsticks, legs, thighs and wings were closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to good. The market tone was steady to fully steady for breast items; fully steady for wings, thighs and drums. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	136.11	799,480
TENDERLOINS	120-125	113.57	220,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	78.99	104,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	77.00	90,000
LEGS	43-44	43.92	195,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.88	424,360
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	42.98	139,520
THIGHS	28-29	41.13	61,160
B/S THIGHS	83-84	84.99	113,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	75-76	72.36	291,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.90	26,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	26.72	23,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.17	12,960

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		ACTUAL		AVG
	(1,000)		(1,000)		(1,000)	WTS	
	07/05	07/04	07/03	06/30	07/03	06/30	06/28 06/26
Alabama	3,963	(A)	3,824	5,020	5.38	5.03	4,026 5.40
Arkansas	5,103	(A)	5,015	5,521	5.27	5.09	5,381 5.25
Delmarva	2,290	(A)	2,294	2,559	5.69	5.75	2,250 5.70
KY-LA-TN	2,213	(A)	2,072	2,867	4.87	4.99	2,161 5.15
Mississippi	2,446	(A)	2,916	3,536	5.76	5.47	2,910 5.77
North Carolina	2,444	(A)	2,230	3,867	6.46	6.58	2,583 6.68
Texas	2,493	(A)	2,481	2,575	5.31	5.35	2,536 5.25
Total	20,952	4,723	20,832	26,277	5.50	5.44	21,847 5.56
Mon-Wed	47,018(B)						65,092(B)

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Jul-06 is estimated to be 31,347,000 head down 4.38 percent from a week ago and down 7.31 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,784,000, last year 33,820,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY.**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-108

HENS UNDER 5#  
HENS OVER 5# 65-73

DUCKS  
RABBITS-WHOLE  
RABBITS-CUT UP

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-103
	DRY PACK	108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Jul-06

	CURRENT WEEK 07/08/06 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/01/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	139,510 (2)	171,348
Light hens	835	993
Heavy hens	1,083	1,674
Total	141,428	174,015

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Jul-06 is 162.3 million head compared to 150.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 139.8 million head or 22.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 15-Jul-06 the estimated available is 163.7 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 07/03/06	105,590	67,467
AM 06/01/06	96,574	65,824
CHG	9,016	1,643
PCT CHG	9	2

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/03/06	06/26/06	07/04/05	07/03/06	06/26/06	07/04/05
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	514	529	4,020	8,011	7,805	6,026
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	183	163	73	2,880	2,927	3,389

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JULY 3, 2006

	RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 69-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 72-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 07/05/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	1.50	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.75	1.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.25	1.45	1.37	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.00	1.25	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	24						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending June 30, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	57.11	140.77	72.39	16.09	4.02	70.38
High	69.18	148.81	80.44	20.11	8.04	70.38
Mostly	66.36	144.79	76.42	16.09	4.02	70.38

**SAN JUAN**

Low	56.31	136.74	68.37	16.09	4.02	70.38
High	68.37	144.79	76.42	20.11	8.04	70.38
Mostly	64.35	140.77	72.39	16.09	4.02	70.38

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	56.31	140.77	72.39	16.09	4.02	70.38
High	69.18	148.81	84.46	20.11	8.04	70.38
Mostly	66.36	144.79	80.44	20.11	4.02	70.38

**BECERRA**

Low	56.31	148.81	80.44	20.11	4.02	72.39
High	72.39	152.83	88.48	24.13	8.04	72.39
Mostly	70.38	148.81	84.46	20.11	4.02	72.39

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate. Offerings were adequate, instances short. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 75 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate to well cleared. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 07/01/2006 WAS 11,751,478 @ 5.69 LBS.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	60-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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